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Military, civilian police mission to prevent, protect and serve

By SANDY RIEBELING

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Military and civilian police are out in force across Redstone Arsenal. Not because Redstone is considered a high crime installation. It's quite the opposite, according Maj. Art Riley, operations officer in Provost Marshal Office.

"Crime at Redstone is minimal compared to other installations," Riley said. "We have our fair share of shoplifting at the PX but comparatively, we're not a high crime area."

And that's no accident.

Crime prevention is a priority at Redstone, evidenced by several approaches to law enforcement including a bicycle patrol, improved community relations and maintaining a police presence.

It's not unusual to see officers in cruisers patrolling roadways and parking lots but they haven't forgotten the human factor.

"Sometimes I go over to the PX and do a walk through the store," Sgt. Richard Charles, military police, said. "Sometimes just being there will prevent shoplifters from taking the chance of getting caught. We're also able to stop and talk with people and that makes us more approachable which is important for law enforcement."

Last week while checking proper use of handicap spaces in the Post Exchange

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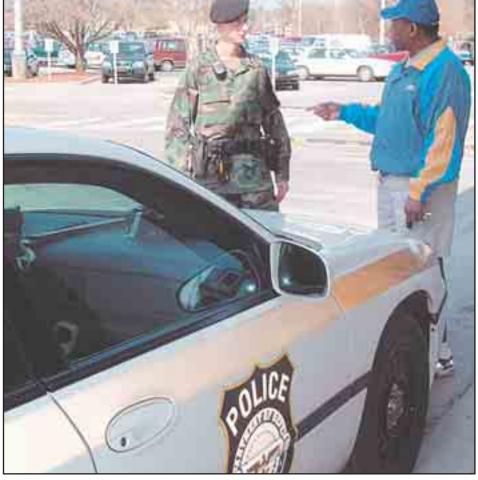


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OUT AND ABOUT— Sgt. Richard Charles, military police, has friendly chat with Air Force and civil service retiree Eddie Thomas while on patrol near the Post Exchange.

Acquisition demonstration project becomes reality

Personnel system begins March 23

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER RELEASE

After a year of planning, 326 AMCOM nonbargaining employees will move into a new personnel system March 23. The new system is the DoD Civilian Acquisition Personnel Demonstration Project, otherwise referred to as AcqDemo.

Employees covered by AcqDemo will be supervisors, managers, and confidential employees in the IG Office, Command Group, and some Legal Office employees.

An integrated process team, chaired by Jim Flinn, deputy to the commander, and supported by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, AMCOM primary organizational elements, AFGE Local 1858, and the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center, began working on developing the implementation plan for conversion in February 2002. Phyllis Conner of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center describes the effort as being very intensive and credits the support and dedication of each IPT representative and the supporting primary organizational elements with making the implementation occur.

We had a lot to do, beginning with each IPT member becoming familiar with AcqDemo so that we could develop an implementation plan that would be in the best interest of the command, as well as employees who would be in AcqDemo," she said. "Some of our many tasks included educating and training the work force, writing Position Requirements Documents (new job descriptions), establishing a Personnel Policy Board, developing Pay Pool structures, and developing our local policies and procedures. We received excellent support from senior management within AMCOM, DA and DoD representatives."

"I am excited about the new system and believe we will put into effect an excellent system that will benefit employees and contribute to the AMCOM mission," Flinn, executive director of the Personnel Policy Board, said.

Some of the benefits employees in AcqDemo will see include:

- General pay increase Employees will be guaranteed the General Pay Increase for the first five years of the demonstration project.
- Contribution Rating Increases Employees will share a pool of CRI dollars guaranteed to be a minimum of at least a 2.4 percent of the aggregate salary of the entire pay pool for the first year

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Letters to the editor

Civilians have benefits, too

was recently asked the question: "Can DA civilians buy gas at the AAFES-operated gas station on Goss Road?" The short answer is "No, they cannot." Unless, of course, the DA civilian is also a Reserve component or retired military member, or immediate family of a military member. But a "pure" civilian employee cannot.

You cannot imagine how often this sort of question comes up here. Kenny Barton, our AAFES general manager, and I attribute much of it to folks confusing MWR with AAFES. AAFES has more restrictive patronage rules than does MWR, and the two are completely separate entities. AAFES eligible cus-

tomers for retail purchasing are military only (active, Reserve components, and retired, plus their immediate families).

MWR eligible patrons include the civilian work force on the Arsenal (commonly referred to as federal government, DA civilians or DoD civilians), their families, retired civilians, and even contractor personnel. Virtually every day we encounter a DoD civilian in the MWR bowling center who says something like "I knew this place was here, and was told it's great, but always thought I couldn't use it." Boy, does that hurt! Or civilian employees who've been driving past our beautiful golf course for the past 20 years going to work — thinking all

along "that's the military course, too bad I can't play golf there." Ouch. Yes, civilians, you can use MWR activities... all 42 of them here. It's your benefit, too!

MWR and AAFES are sort of "cousins" in service to America's Army in that both organizations are Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities of the federal government. AAFES has a two-star general commander, alternating between the Army and Air Force, head-quartered in Dallas, Texas. Army MWR's command billet is an Army one-star general, and it's headquartered in Alexandria, Va. Like I said, MWR and AAFES are not the same NAFI. But we are not contractors, or "corporations." We are instrumentalities of the federal government

Another possible confusion factor here is that the civilian work force is entitled to use all of the AAFES food service businesses, such as Burger King, the food court at the PX with its Church's Chicken, Cinnabons, Seattle's Best coffee, the new American Eateries going into building 4488, etc. However, the concessionaire resale activities at the main PX are off-limits to civilians, and civilians cannot enter the main PX retail store to shop either. Basically, the rule is it must be meant to be consumed "on premises."

But to maybe make the confusion factor worse, our MWR Fund just recently built and opened a very nice coin-op car wash which is open and available to all of the Arsenal's work force — military and civilian alike. And we built it right next to the AAFES Shoppette and gas station on Goss Road, which is not open to all of Team Redstone — just the military populations. Oh, well!

Dan Ahern director, Personnel and Community Activities

Out of the mouths of children

s we are on the verge of another conflict, it seems that some in this nation have forgotten what tragedy happened only months ago. As I was visiting my daughter's school a couple of weeks ago, a teacher showed me a poem written by a seventh-grade student. Obviously he has not forgotten. I hope that you will publish this poem to help others remember one of the reasons why

we are heading down this path of possible conflict.

Suzanne Birdsong RD&E Center

Editor's note: The following poem, titled "The Day the Eagle Cried," was written by Drew Cornelison, a seventhgrade student of Teri Mize at Elkton (Tenn.) School.

"It started off to be a normal day as the Eagle scanned the skies,

He thought of all the beauty, and tears came to his eyes.

The Eagle could not imagine that tragedy was on its way,

To this beautiful land of the free known as the U.S.A.

As he soared above the White House and Old Glory he did see,

Again tears filled his eyes and he said, 'Why did they pick me?'

For the symbol of this great country known as the land of the free.

Is it my strength or is it my size as again he wiped his eyes.

He felt so prideful, and then he thought I've got to shake this feeling.

That evil is about to appear and soon the nation will need healing.

He began his final flight that morning and as he soared across New York City,

He noticed smoke from Towers One and Two and his heart was filled with pity.

Was this the act of evil he had sensed earlier that day?

Surely this was not an act of terrorism on our great U.S. of A.

The Eagle bowed his head, and the tears began to flow.

I've never seen such sadness, such grief, such strife, such woe.

And I felt as if part of me had died the day the Eagle cried."

An open lane random survey

What is your dream vacation?

By KELLEY LANE

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Mark Linley, fire department

"I'd say Germany because I've never been there."



Rick Terrell, contractor

"My dream vacation would have to be a seven-day cruise with my wife around the Caribbean."



Sgt. Zack King

Sgt. Lashonda Parker

"My dream vacation would probably be Paris with my husband. It would be a nice vacation since we never had a honeymoon."



gi. Zuck King

"Home. My wife is in West Virginia while I'm here at school, so I'd go home to her."

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Local crafters great source for Christmas gift-giving

By SANDY RIEBELING

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With warmer temperatures and spring flowers blooming, Christmas probably isn't on anyone's mind. But that's the purpose of this column — to remind folks that a little preparation throughout the year can ease holiday stress and put a jingle in your step come December.

Even though it's already March, if you haven't started a Christmas club it's not too late to start saving. It's always best to tuck your money away in an account far, far out of your reach until the time is right. But if that's too lofty a goal, or like many military families, you're expecting to move this summer and want to keep the banking hassle down to a minimum, try the do-it-yourself at home banking.

Find an empty glass jar with a lid. A quart-size canning jar or a pickle or mayonnaise jar works well. Once thoroughly cleaned, cut a small slit in the lid of the jar, just big enough for folded dollar bills and coins to slip through, then glue the lid firmly on the jar. It becomes a one-way portable savings account. Some people choose to decorate the jar so they can't see the money, others prefer to leave it clear and watch their savings grow. Either way, it makes savings a little safer because to get at the money, you have to break the jar, something that takes a little more thought and energy than just retrieving a bill from an envelope in your sock drawer.

For those who would rather shop throughout the year than save money and shop at Christmas time, Lea Ann Bryant, former active Army and career military wife, offered a few suggestions for holiday gift-giving.

"Because we're always moving around, I like to shop for crafts at local shows," Bryant said. "It's a great way to find a gift with a little flavor of that part of the country or world. Ornaments are great gifts and keepsakes. We get the kids an ornament from each place we're stationed. They have a separate tree. And when they grow up, they can take those ornaments with them to remind them of all the places we've been."

The North East Alabama Craftsmens Association is having a craft show at the Von Braun Center this weekend, March 21-23. It's one that Bryant recommends visiting.

Redstone's Thrift Shop is also getting into the craft business. This may be an opportunity to make a little Christmas money as well as a place to shop for gifts.

"The Thrift Shop at Fort Benning (Ga.) has a wonderful craft area," Isabel Boicourt, Thrift Shop manager, said. "We're hoping to create something like that here."

Boicourt wants to get the word out that crafters are welcome to display their goods at the Thrift Shop. Consignment fee is 15 percent. "We'll put up a Christmas tree to display ornaments yearround if we have them to put on the tree," she said.

Bryant also has a collection of framed art on one wall of her home with a picture from each place they've lived. Collecting books native to each duty station region was another suggestion, "to help you remember all great places and things you've seen," she said.

To share your holiday gift-giving ideas or traditions in future columns, contact Sandy Riebeling at the Redstone Rocket via e-mail sandyr@htimes.com or fax 955-9138.

Central personnel data base created to control access

A national emergency resulting in an increased force protection level would mean most Redstone workers stay home and only those deemed key to accomplishing the mission would be allowed through the gates. The Garrison provided the following answers to questions that workers might have about this possibility.

How do you get on an access roster?

Answer: The Personnel Central Repository is the data base of essential personnel developed to control access to Redstone Arsenal during heightened alert, inclement weather, or emergency situations. Commanders and activity directors determine who needs to be declared installation closed-key essential, mission essential or weather emergency essential and placed on the access roster. The commanders and activity directors then have supervisors contact the individuals to make sure that they understand how/if they are listed. Each organization has a point of contact to update the PCR mission essential listing. If your organization needs assistance with PCR, contact one of the following individuals: for tenant activities who do not have access to the Redstone domain, call the DOIM Help Desk at 876-2291; to establish an organizational point of contact, call Raymond Nabors at 313-5891; for assistance with PCR technical difficulties, send e-mail to pcr@redstone.army.mil.

What happens when Redstone goes to Delta force protection level?

Answer: We minimize the number of access control points (gates) to Gates 1, 7 and 9. Other gates are opened by exception. Only personnel coded as Key and Essential or Mission Essential will be allowed access. One hundred percent of vehicles will be inspected at all gates. All vehicles on the installation will be identified with an owner with a valid authority to be on the installation. All college classes, seminars, special events, and all unnecessary/nonessential activities will be suspended. Security at selected sites around the installation will be increased.

What happens after the Delta alert?

Answer: Implementation of FPCON Delta normally occurs for only a limited time period over specific, localized areas. Threat assessments will be used to determine future FPCON posture. The Provost Marshal Office will initiate additional security measures to protect assets on Redstone Arsenal as needed.

Who will come to work and who will stay home?

Answer: At FPCON Delta, Key and Essential personnel will be expected to report to work at their normal start times. Mission Essential personnel will be directed to delay their arrival by several hours. All other federal government employees should consider themselves "on-call" and should remain home. If you do not know if you should come to work, contact your supervisor for guidance before coming to the Arsenal.

How long will that go on?

Answer: It is likely that FPCON Delta will only be implemented for a short time but there is no way to be certain exactly how long this will be. There are many possible contingencies that can occur that would change how long FPCON Delta would be in effect.

What about contractors?

Answer: Some contractors, by the nature of the work they do, are considered Installation Closed-Key Essential and should report for work at FPCON Delta. Each individual should ask their supervisor as to their status and what they should do at FPCON Delta.

What about people with horses or cattle on post? What happens to the farmers?

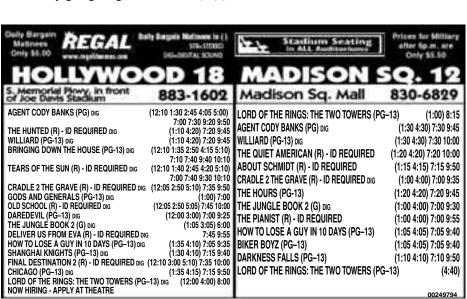
Answer: A list of the farmers' names that require access to the Arsenal is in the access listing. As of March 13, three of the farmers needed new badges before they could be added. They have been contacted for updates. Only the farmer is on the list, not their employees/helpers.

Three individuals have been designated as Key Essential Personnel for the Saddle Activity who will come on post during FPCON Delta and take care of the horses. Point of contact is Bill Moreland, Outdoor Recreation director. His phone number is 876-2021.

What about carpools?

Answer: Due to the increased number of vehicle inspections, carpools will minimize the number of vehicles and decrease the delay time at each gate. We are surveying carpool interest to determine if there is enough demand to establish High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and procedures. You can express your interest by writing to the Rocket with your ideas for carpools. Please consider the following measures to expedite the inspection process: Have the proper ID badge, state drivers license, vehicle registration and

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Campaign coordinator preaches need for giving

Earl Johnson eyes goals for annual charity drive

By SKIP VAUGHN

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Earl Johnson has a different view of the Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign this year.

He's seeing it from the inside as the CFC coordinator.

Johnson, a contract specialist in Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, succeeded Gay Money for the annual fund-raising drive. Money retired from the government March 3.

"It's a great opportunity for me to personally touch many of the donors as well as the charities that make up the contributing and the charitable service that takes place as a result of the whole campaign," said Johnson, pastor of Bethany Primitive Baptist Church in New Market. "Understanding the many needs that are present, helping others has always been a passion of mine. I've been able to fill that void in my pastoring of a local Baptist church and through the ministries that we have but I see this as an additional opportunity to help persons that are in need.

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'The poor that you will have with you always.' He



NEW LEADER— Earl Johnson is the coordinator for the 2003 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign.

was making reference to the poor in spirit, the misfortunate, the downcast, the left out as well as the have-nots. With that in mind, federal employees through the CFC can have a major impact on persons who fit in those categories. And so it's an honor for me to, on behalf of the commanding general, work with organizing a campaign that will be a part of meeting those needs."

Johnson recognizes the challenge of succeeding Money as chairman of CFC's Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

Last year's campaign raised \$1.849 million, exceeding the \$1.6 million goal. The dates for this year's drive haven't been finalized. Johnson applied for the coordinator position and was appointed Feb. 18 by Col. John Smith, chief of staff of the Aviation and Missile Command, and Maj. Gen. Larry Dodgen, AMCOM commander and chairman of the annual campaign.

"I think he's going to be a great leader for the CFC," Linda Readus, secretary of the general staff/assistant chief of staff, said. "He comes with enthusiasm, he has great plans. I think he's going to be a great, great follow-up to Gay Money. The program will not suffer, it will go forward. He seems to love people and he has a great passion for the community and that's what it takes for that CFC position. And he loves people.'

Johnson, 43, a native of Comer, Ala., who grew up in Columbus, Ga., has nearly 19 years of government service. He arrived at Redstone in 1984 as an Army Materiel Command intern contract specialist. He worked at the Acquisition Center until March 1991 when he went to the command's TMDE Activity.

He ran track at Alabama A&M University in 1978-80 and graduated in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in telecommunications. Johnson was a reporter/photographer with the NBC television affiliate in Columbus, channel 38 WLTZ, for a year. Then he took a job in retail management with Kroger. After training in Nashville, he was assigned to Kroger stores in Douglasville, Ga., and Roswell, Ga. He left to become a loan counselor with CIT Financial Services in Marietta. Four months later, in June 1984, he accepted the intern position at Redstone.

He received a bachelor's in theology from American Baptist College in Nashville in 1997 and a master's of divinity from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham in 2002 He was pastor of First Baptist Church in Bodenham, Tenn., for six years. He became pastor of Bethany Primitive Baptist Church two and a half years ago.

"Pastoring is my calling," he said. "My ability to deal with people, and I think that is definitely the calling that God has in my life - to pastor people."

Johnson and his wife, Linda, a teacher at Liberty Middle School in Madison, have a son, Christopher, 17, a junior at Sparkman High, and daughter, Brittani, 13, a seventh-grader at Monrovia Middle. They reside in the Monrovia community.

His goals as CFC coordinator include "first, to encourage all persons within this campaign's authority to share in meeting established needs that exist locally, nationally as well as abroad," he said. "The second thing that I would like to do is raise the awareness of the magnitude of CFC's impact in the lives of persons yearly through the contributions. Then the third thing would be that we continue the legacy by exceeding again what has been raised in the past.'

The Combined Federal Campaign generated more than \$241 million for charities nationally in 2002.

"It is the best opportunity that I know of that exists for persons to give at a local, national and world level without having to be concerned about their contributions getting to the charity that they want them to get to," Johnson said. "The administrative cost of handling the monies has been less than 7 percent which ensures that almost all of the monies are going to the charities. United Way, serving as the principal campaign fund organizer, has done a great job across the years ensuring that the donors' contributions reach the charity that they have selected."





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Breaking ground for the \$30 million Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program, a communications upgrade, are from left Gary Kinzer, First South Utility Company project engineer; Lt. Col. Joseph Brown, product manager for Defense Data Network; Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer; Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander; Ed Eldridge, vice president of government integration solutions, Lucent Technologies; and Terry Yancey, director of information management for the Garrison.

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REDSTONE VILLAGE IS STARTING TO TAKE SHAPE.

Construction is under way at the future site of Redstone Village. Crews begin work on the underground parking garage, sewer

installation, and rubble removal.





Chili cookoff heats up Firehouse Pub

Inaugural event has spicy fare

By KELLEY LANE

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Variety is said to be the spice of life. Throw in beans, meat and a few secret ingredients and you've got one of the spiciest creations known to man — chili. The recipes and variations were enough to make the mouth and eyes water as Redstone held its first Chili Cookoff sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Seven teams representing various organizations on post competed in the allday event March 12 for three trophies, a king's ransom in MWR dollars and bragging rights until the event is held again next year.

The weather could not have been better for the partially outdoor event that had some sweating and everyone smiling. Good natured banter floated back and forth across Firehouse Pub's patio and parking lot where the entrants were set up cooking and predicting the outcome of the day's event. Everyone predicted they would win, but no one went home unhap-



Photo by Kelley Lane

HOT COMBO- Dragon's Breath teammates George Knox, left, and Al Bell add last minute touches to their winning chili.



Photo by Kelley Lane

THREE ALARM— Pyrochili Technicians team includes, from left, Terry Hollingsworth, Sandy Boyd and Joey Boyd.

py. The fun was in the experience and the camaraderie.

The idea of such an event was suggested to Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, by Sandy Boyd, member of Redstone Fire and Emergency Service's "Pyrochili Technicians."

"She stopped me outside of Soldatenstube about five months ago," Devlin said. "They started talking about chili cookoffs and I said 'Yeah I've seen those before. We should do that.' It's great for community involvement."

Competition was open to the entire Redstone community with a nominal \$10 entrance fee. Participants included the Sparkman Center, Child and Youth Services, the Firehouse Pub, Fire and Emergency Services and the 832nd Charlie Company Wolfpack. Also represented were NASA, Lockhead Martin and Arts and Crafts Services with members on sev-

Each recipe had the basic ingredients in common, but varied widely from there. Contestants were happy to share their individual secrets. Some were seasonings that could be considered odd, such as seafood seasoning and Jack Daniels whiskey. Others could only be called bizarre. Dragon's Breath, comprised of Al Bell and George Knox, prided themselves on some of their more shocking ingredients — milk chocolate and black coffee.

'I'd seen it in recipes and heard of it so I decided to try it," Bell said. "I liked it so I've stuck with it." Having worked on perfecting his concoction for about 10 years, Bell has brought home several awards for his chili at other competitions.

Teamchilidotcom also decided to opt for the unusual. Their mixture of pork shoulder, bacon and several fresh chopped ingredients was a team decision. "It's none of our personal recipes," team member Daniel Foster said. "We all agreed on a recipe that wasn't really any of ours, but was something different."

Charlie Company decided to offer both a hot and mild version of their bean-filled fare. Samples were freely given to any and all attending in exchange for a friendly critique. Iced tea was also on hand for when a culinary cool off was in order.



WATER. PLEASE— Cookoff judge Leslie Dodgen samples some of the chili.

As colorful as the recipes were the booths and presentations of each team. Fire and Emergency Services displayed a large collection of fireman-related items around their booth with a large bottle of antacid prominent. The Firehouse Pub's booth reflected the inspiration for their recipe, a large statue of Jack Daniels himself. While Child and Youth Services' A Pot and Four Women decided on a more traditional recipe, they threw plenty of spice into their march to the judges table for sampling. Maracas and noise makers heralded their procession across the crowded main room of the Firehouse Pub. Charlie Company marched their offerings in with a smart "Present Chili," ordered by Drill Sgt. Elizabeth Austin.

Five judges had made the rounds to each booth to talk to the teams before the official tasting began. Several generals' wives had been drafted for the event: Leslie Dodgen, Helen Bergantz and Teri Holly. Also judging were SFC Jeffrey Cassell and Darrell Brewer from Garrison. "I volunteered for this. I heard about it at a meeting," Dodgen said. "Anything involving eating," she joked.

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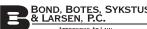
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Competition gets hairy at fund-raising event

Volunteer cuts locks for donations to help Army Emergency Relief

By SANDY RIEBELING

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Mickel Wilson sat in the kitchen at Army Community Service, a cup of hot coffee in hand. He pushed his hair away from his face and looked up at the clock above the door, waiting and wondering. It wouldn't be long now. At precisely 9 a.m. he would know how much his long brown locks were worth. The waiting would be over and the cutting would begin.

"It's all for a good cause," Wilson said, with a smile on his face and not a twinge of regret in his voice. He'd made a deal and he was ready to live up to his end of the bargain.

Mary Breeden, ACS staffer, came in the kitchen cradling an Army Emergency Relief donation bowl filled with dollar bills, and Ann Owens, ACS financial readiness program manager, followed, snapping a huge pair of scissors open and shut. ACS volunteers and staff crowded in to see what the final tally was and who had donated the most.

"Me," Owens said. "It's got to be me and if it's not, I'll add more." Wilson laughed, knowing from the first day he'd

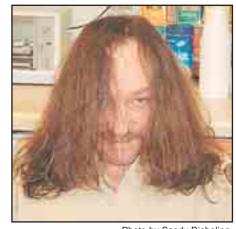


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HAIR TODAY— Mickel Wilson, Army
Community Service volunteer, put his
hair on the chopping block to benefit

returned to volunteer at ACS just how much his long hair bothered her.

Army Emergency Relief.

The amount came out to more than \$100 with a few donations left to be collected and Owens, in fact, had captured the right to cut with a \$20 donation.

Wilson needed a little help getting his hair put into a braid to prepare for the cut. When he first decided to cut his long hair, he knew he was going to donate it to Wigs for Kids, an organization that makes wigs for children out of human



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GONE TOMORROW— Ann Owens, Army Community Service staffer, won the bid to cut ACS volunteer Mickel Wilson's hair. ACS volunteer Carie Cadieux assists.

hair. A few days after he told everyone about his decision, Breeden suggested he turn it into a fund-raiser for Army Emergency Relief and let the highest bidder do the cutting.

"I knew Ann would pay almost anything to cut his hair," she said. "So we put out a donation sheet and people started signing up. People agreed to donate what they signed up to but the one with the biggest contribution got to cut his hair."

Sitting in the conference room, a little good-natured ribbing from the crowd watching, Owens draped a sheet around Wilson then took the scissors and lopped off the 11-inch braid, holding it triumphantly overhead for all to see.

"That was great," Owens said, as she patted Wilson on the back. "We're just so proud that he did this not for just one but two good causes. He's such a good sport."

Feeling the back of his near-shaven head, Wilson smiled. "We do love having fun around here."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Crafters wanted

The Thrift Shop is looking for crafters to sell homemade items at the shop. Isabel Boicourt, Thrift shop manager, shows an example of crafts made by Ann East for sale at the shop. For more information on how to consign crafts, call 881-6992.

■ Dragon's Breath team wins chili cookoff

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The entrants were judged individually on appearance, taste, appropriate doneness, temperature and seasoning on a scale of 1 to 5. Numerous questions about the recipes, ingredients and preparation were asked. The scores were then tallied to determine a winner. Upon completion of these tallies, a tie for second place was discovered. After much consideration and retasting by the judges, a decision was made. First place and 200 MWR dollars went to Dragon's Breath. In second was Teamchilidotcom, whose four members received 100 MWR dollars. Third place

and 50 MWR dollars went to the three-member Pyrochili Technicians. All participants received a certificate for their efforts.

The event was pronounced a rousing success, opening the door for future chili cookoffs. "We'll probably tie it in with Oktoberfest next year," Brandie DeRemer of MWR said. "But I think it went very well"

Many in attendance also took home T-shirts sold for \$10 and \$12 at the event featuring a chili pepper man holding a bowl high overhead with the slogan "Mild to Wild" in festive colors below. Future cookoffs promise to be even larger events as word spreads about a new tradition at Redstone.



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Women workers continue pioneering the future

Team Redstone celebrates Women's History Month

The Team Redstone Women's History Program is March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. Madison Mayor Jan Wells is the scheduled speaker.

"Women Pioneering the Future," theme for this year's observance, incorporates both pioneering women from U.S. history, who led and won struggles for equality and civil rights, created and advanced educational and professional opportunities, and made great contribu-

tions to the arts, sciences and humanistic causes, and innovative women of today who further these efforts and continue to expand the frontiers of possibility for generations to come.

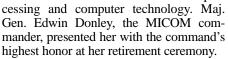
Here are some firsts from Redstone history:

- December 1943 The first members of the Women's Army Corps arrived at Huntsville Arsenal for administrative duty. Three months later, 2nd Lt. Eleanor B. Wilson became the first WAC to be assigned to Redstone Arsenal, where she assisted in Signal Corps work.
 - January 1956 Main Honour, a

math major at Auburn University, was the first woman to be accepted into Redstone Arsenal's Cooperative Training Program for college students majoring in science and engineering. The other 96 students in the program at that time were men.

• July 31, 1970 — Edith Gibbs, the first woman employee of MICOM to be honored with the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, retired from the Missile Command

after 28 years of federal service. Chief of the Systems and Programming Division of the Management Information Systems Directorate and the highestranking female civilian employee at Redstone Arsenal (GS-15), Gibbs was one of the Army's foremost authorities in the field of automatic data pro-



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JAN WELLS

• Nov. 20, 1987 — The first Redstone Arsenal facility to be memorialized for a woman was dedicated. The Post Gym was renamed Pagano Gym in honor of Capt. Barbara Pagano, a former commander of the 95th Maintenance Company who died of cancer. A sports enthusiast, Pagano won several championships in racquetball

and competed in rifle and pistol meets.

● June 15, 2000 — Lt. Col. Joan Campanaro became the first woman, as well as the first nurse, to head Fox Army Health Center. She had formerly served as the center's deputy commander of patient services.



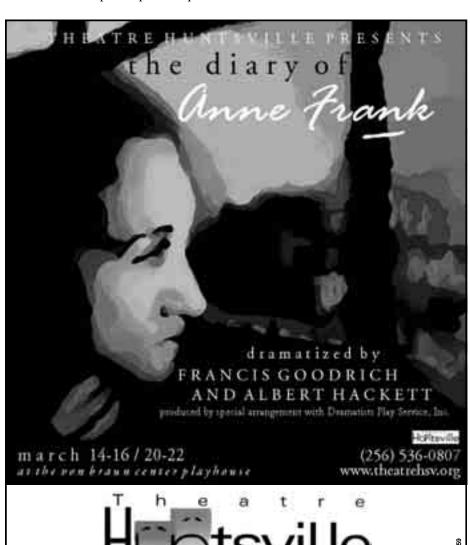
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Luncheon speaker

Lee Marshall, morning news anchor for WAFF-TV 48, speaks during the annual Mini-Professional Development Institute, March 5-6 at Bob Jones Auditorium, sponsored by Redstone Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers. About 300 ASMC members and guests attended.







■ Military, civilian police put service first

Police

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parking lot, Charles had only been out of his patrol car a minute or so before being approached by Eddie Thomas, Air Force and Redstone civilian retiree, who offered encouraging words to the young officer and shared a quick story about his own military service during Vietnam.

Casual interaction not only helps build a rapport between officers and the community but for Charles, it helps him see individuals and reminds him of "what I'm doing out here — the people I'm here to protect."

Providing guidance and direction for maintaining law enforcement standards was a priority for Maj. Brad Scofield, provost marshal since July 2002. He published documents to change the working atmosphere and environment of his officers.

"Sometime we see a callousness (while) working with people in the community," Scofield said. "Not too often but it's there. And I realize people are tough to deal with at times but that doesn't give my people a right to mistreat them. They must remain officer-friendly. It doesn't mean they get stepped on, but it does mean they must treat every person with respect and dignity, even if he doesn't deserve it because of his own actions. We stress that officers use respect and treat people with dignity at the same time they're having to put them in hand irons or while defending themselves."

During his time here to date, Scofield has overseen the completion of several extraordinary security missions, some on post, such as the secretary of the Army's visit, the first public access concert on post since the Sept. 11 attacks, and transition of National Guard units from Charlie Company 167th Infantry to the 1/131st Armor which included three days of intense training for mission readiness.

There are also off-post missions.

"We sent a seven-man team to handle security for the Army Materiel Command's commander's conference, which was held on the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks," Scofield said. "What's worse is that it wasn't held on post but at a Corpus Christi (Texas) hotel. We had to coordinate with local civilian agencies, provide VIP security and access control. The officers did a great job."

For the past few months, Redstone officers have been involved in an ongoing

covert drug operation with the Huntsville Police Department drug task force targeting known drug dealers distributing to "folks on the Arsenal — mainly soldiers," Scofield said.

"We've made three arrests. There are more pending, it's a matter of finding them. We've recovered marijuana, ecstasy and crystal meth."

The "Stop Stick" program is a new initiative being implemented.

"It's a portable device used to bring a high speed pursuit to a successful conclusion," Scofield said. Basically it's a metal spike strip put on the road to stop vehicles. The spikes are actually hollow tubes with solid pointed tips. The tip pushes through the rubber tire inserting the hollow metal tube which breaks off of the strip and stays in the tire. The tips break off the tube inside the tire, allowing a controlled release of air.

"It flattened four tires within a quarter mile on a test vehicle," Scofield said.

Although there are new programs, new initiatives and special assignments, like assisting local police with the upcoming air show at the Huntsville airport, the basics of prevent, protect and serve are covered daily on the Arsenal by a staff of about 50 operational officers including bike patrols and K-9 teams, split almost evenly between military and civilian officers.

"We do the routine," Riley said. "Speed and traffic enforcement, patrolling specified areas, money escorts, responding to incidents or accidents."

For Charles, 24, an MP at Redstone for about four and a half years, some of the worst times were responding to domestic violence calls. "I don't understand how people can hurt each other like that. It doesn't make sense to me," he said. "But the very worst calls — those were responding to deceased soldiers in the barracks. I remember the name, rank and unit of all three calls I got. It's been about two years since the last one but it's still tough. That's something you don't ever forget."

As Charles prepares for his next assignment in Korea, he tempers those bad memories with some of his favorites.

"I loved playing McGruff the Crime Dog for the kids at the block party," Charles said. "It was a lot of fun spending the day with them."

The PMO will sponsor a bike rodeo at this year's block party next month. Officers will demonstrate bicycle safety, fingerprint children, register bikes on post and provide K-9 demonstrations.

■ Alert level would mean full inspections at gates

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insurance readily available; open all exterior and interior compartments upon request (hoods, trunks, doors, glove box, center consoles or any other areas); and remove all unnecessary items from vehicle (bags, suitcases, coolers, etc.).

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Military children have their month in April

Annual observance focuses on families

By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil

Military children are dealing with more stress these days. Besides the mobile lifestyle, many have to cope with

loved ones being deployed in harm's way. That adds significance to April's observance of the Month of the Military

"I think it shows the Army's commitment to the well-being and concern for our children," Shellie McDonald, training and curriculum specialist with the Child Development Center and coordinator for the observance, said. "And especially this year I think it's going to help to provide a sense of stability and security for the times that we are facing."

This year's theme is, "Children are the Hope of Our World.'

Child and Youth Services sponsors events throughout the month. The kickoff parade is April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center. Col. Bob Devlin, garrison commander, and children from the center and Family Child Care are to cut the ceremonial ribbon. Including hourly care, military children comprise about 100 of the 175 children at the cen-

"The Month of the Military Child is a time to focus on the needs of children and families and how to better meet their needs," McDonald said. "Especially for this year, our focus will be somewhat different because of the troubled times our children are living in."

Events include "Bag-o-art," April 2, in which children will decorate grocery bags from the Commissary. April 7 will bring Candid Camera Day for parents and children at all CDC activity centers. Olympic Day is April 11 at 10 a.m. at the soccer field at the corner of Goss and Hughes roads. April 17 brings "Splash and Fun Day" at ChildWise, building 1413. Trike Day, where children ride their tricycles (helmet required), is April 18 at 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center. An Easter egg hunt is April 19 at 11 a.m. at the Youth Center. April 21 is Art Day. A puppet show for SCAN, or Stop Child Abuse and Neglect, is 9:30 a.m. April 25 at the Child Development Center.

The Block Party is 1-4 p.m. April 26 at the Youth Center. Literacy Day is April 28 at all Child and Youth Services programs. Western Roundup Day is April 30 at 11:45 a.m. at the Child Development

Other activities are planned during the month. For more information, call McDonald at 876-7952.



CHILD's PLAY— Busy at the Child Development Center are, from left, Ananda Richardson, 4, daughter of SFC Robert and SFC Shawnette Richardson; Trent Harrelson, 4, son of Gunnery Sgt. Gary and Carol Harrelson; Brandon James Howard, 5, son of SSgt. Leroy and Shonda Howard; and Reilly Moss, 5, daughter of 1st Lt. Roger and Brandi Moss.

■ More than 300 workers moving to new system

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and a minimum of 2 percent for subsequent years. Employees who are not at the top of the pay band will get this increase added to their high three for retirement purposes. Employees who are at the top of the band and cannot receive a salary increase will have their CRI added to their Contribution Award.

- Contribution Awards Employees will share a pool of CA dollars guaranteed to be a minimum of 1.5 percent of the aggregate salary of the entire pay pool for the first year and a minimum of 1 percent for subsequent years.
- Advancement through the pay bands without competition— A GS-12 step 1 employee could advance from the bottom of the band all the way to the top of the band (GS-13 step 10) without competing.
- Employees who are at the GS-12 step 10 or GS-14 step 10 level would no

longer have their pay capped since they too can advance to the top of the band without competing.

- Protection for employees on temporary promotion — Employees will be changed to lower grade for the conversion and immediately repromoted to the higher grade.
 - No loss in rights to grieve or appeal.
- Fairness and equity in the Pay Pool
- Salary for promotions can be set from 6 to 20 percent.

After March 23, the work will not end, according to Conner. "We still have training planned in April for employees who did not attend the January sessions, and in June, we are conducting training for Data Maintainers and Pay Pool Panels, as well as a Mock Pay Pool Panel to familiarize ourselves on how the process should work, before we do the actual ratings in October," she said.

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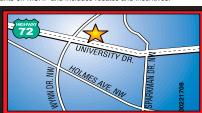
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Prototype facility brings new approach to contracting

Small business opportunities increase with partnerships

By JIM BOWNE

For the Rocket

In today's volatile environment, program managers continually face the challenges that are associated with acquisition planning, implementation and execution of the rapid development and deployment of weapon systems.

Shrinking budgets, reduced resources, and increased operational performance requirements force the Department of Defense acquisition community to continue evolving just to keep pace with the ever-changing environment. Compounding this growing challenge is the Army's transformation to a lighter, more flexible, and more rapidly deployable force.

According to Devin Whitaker, the Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center went on the offensive to meet the challenges. "In FY '00, the AMRDEC researched potential non-traditional acquisition alternatives to combat the emerging requirement to get weapon systems capability to the warfighter in less time, at less cost, and with reduced risk," he said. Whitaker is the business and financial manager of AMRDEC's Prototyping Integration Facility.

This proactive stance led the AMRDEC Engineering Directorate's leadership to assess the feasibility of combining existing electronic design and analysis, mechanical and electrical prototyping, platform integration, and rapid response capabilities under one organizational element. Because of AMRDEC's strategic focus, the AMRDEC's Dr. Larry O. Daniel Prototype Integration Facility was officially dedicated and chartered for operations July 22, 2002.

The PIF is a government owned, government operated facility/concept concentrated on meeting the rapid response needs of the Department of Defense, most notably, the weapons systems supported by the Aviation and Missile Command. The PIF headquarters is building 5405, located on Fowler Road.

Over the past 15 years, defense spending has steadily declined, especially in defense procurement appropriations and accounts. The program executive officers and material developers continue to battle the legacy left by this decrease in defense spending. From 1985 to 2001, defense procurement appropriations decreased by 34 percent.

"What the PIF brings to the table is the effective use of a government to government interface via the government owned, government operated PIF operations," Steve Cosgray, a procurement analyst in the Apache Project Management Office, said. "Yet, it is uniquely designed to interject strategic partnerships with small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and other industry partners, to render a true rapid response, turnkey capability."

To augment existing in-house government expertise



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INSIDE JOB— A Blue Force Tracking-Aviation system is installed and integrated onto a UH-60 Black Hawk. The PIF has produced and fielded more than 200 BFT-A systems in less than six months.

and capabilities, on June 17, 2002, the Acquisition Center awarded a 10-year, \$1.1 billion contract to Joint Venture Yulista Science and Engineering Services Inc. The contract, known as JVYS, is referred to as AMCOM's PIF Rapid Acquisition and Prototyping contract.

JVYS is a joint venture of Yulista Management Services Inc., which is an eligible section 8(a) company owned by Calista Corporation (an Alaska Regional Native Corporation), and Science and Engineering Services Inc, a small disadvantaged business. The JVYS' primary operation is located in Huntsville. AMCOM, in conjunction with JVYS, is committed to using the expertise of the local small business community. JVYS has established, and continues to establish, strategic partnerships with local small businesses, preferred vendors, subcontractors and Original Equipment Manufacturers.

The Prototype Integration Facility's Rapid Acquisition and Prototyping contract has created an environment that enhances partnering relationships in the small business community. Redstone's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization worked closely with senior leaders from the Aviation and Missile Command, the Research and Development Center, program executive offices, and the Contracting and Acquisition Center, establishing the proper contractual instrument.

The end state vision, focusing directly on Redstone's multiple missions, provides industry opportunities for bringing together the best talent and expertise to rapidly accomplish important weapons systems and technology requirements. Commitment to mission, industry participation, and the small business community, is being real-

ized through this contract.

"The PIF has successfully exceeded expectations for getting the job done, on time, and with reasonable costs," Mit Merritt, chief of OSADBU, said. "It is clearly a viable model for future government and industry partnerships."

Acquisition Reform Initiatives offer the acquisition community greater flexibility to assemble the proper infrastructure and partnering relationships to field technologically superior warfighting capability. The PIF provides a results-oriented, government in-house capability, and low risk solution to the material developer that focuses on providing the best value solution to the warfighter, and ultimately, to the taxpayer.

"Every organization has a desire to be successful, and the PIF's vision, mission, and customer focus is taken very seriously by the PIF leadership," Whitaker said. "The old adage that 'nothing breeds success like success' is a key performance metric of the PIF. The key to the longevity of any organization or business entity is the ability to create and maintain trust, instill integrity into the process, and deliver to the customer's satisfaction. I believe the PIF is doing just that."

uring the first 120 days following award of the PIF RAP contract, the organization experienced a substantial 616 percent growth over FY '01 business base, and continues to steadily increase. One of the primary goals of AMCOM leadership, in conjunction with the PIF, is to offer partnering opportunities that retain Army funding in the Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal community.

"The PIF has been very successful in leveraging the local capabilities within the small and small disadvantaged business community," Whitaker said. "Even though every dollar obligated in support of the PIF mission moves AMCOM closer to meeting or exceeding their goal for small and disadvantaged businesses, about 89 percent of current PIF RAP contract obligations have remained with small business, with 11 percent required to acquire the services of Original Equipment Manufacturers and/or weapon system prime contractors."

The PIF organizational structure and PIF RAP contractual vehicle offer virtually unlimited programmatic flexibility and embrace acquisition streamlining and acquisition reform methodology. The PIF RAP contract is a rapid response contract vehicle that gets hardware, software and new technology into the warfighter's hands. The PIF operational and organizational concept offers program and project managers choices when developing weapons systems acquisition strategies.

The PIF RAP contract includes maximum flexibility to assemble the proper partnering relationships with industry to meet cost, schedule and performance attributes of weapon system requirements.

"This type of government and industry partnership facilitates an environment that embraces the entrepreneurial spirit of small business firms," Merritt said. "Industry, and specifically the small business community, will continue to play an integral role in this process."



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Corpus Christi Army Depot

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The first training class for the T55-GA-714A engine at Corpus Christi was conducted Feb. 10-14. The course familiarizes engine technicians on the 714A engine and its Full Authority Digital Electronic Control and the Digital Electronic Control Unit. The FADEC system is an electrical system that controls all functions required for proper and complete control of the 714A engine. The DECU receives signals for engine sensors, and computes control commands for fuel scheduling, air bleed control, engine accessory activation, cockpit information, and signals to the other engines DECU. The DECU handles two independent electronic channels referred as to "Primary" and "Reversionary." Under normal engine operation the engine is in the Primary channel. In the event a critical engine fault is detected, the system is designed to switch to the Reversionary channel. The Reversionary channel may also be selected by the pilot via a cockpit switch.

The T55-GA-714A engine in most cases will be workloaded into Corpus Christi as an overhaul program, thus meeting the high engine demand from the customer — the soldier.

Currently the Aviation and Missile Command and Corpus Christi are conducting procedure and component verification on 714A technical packages. The verification will help establish pilot overhaul. The pilot overhaul will establish overhaul capability within Corpus Christi.

Leading the team effort from AMCOM are Steve Kirkpatrick, Beverly Reed, Gary Huenink, Mel Anderson (contractor AE) and Tom Bennett.

Leading the Corpus Christi effort are Art Gomez (business office), Monty Montalvo, Rudy Kintana (engine support section), Jimmy Rorgiguez (engine mechanic), Albert Litchenburger (preshop analysis) Tom Diaz DeLeon (training branch), Rey Rameriz (tooling branch), Wesley Cass (AMCOM Corpus Christi) and Fernando Gomez (engine division).

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Tracking system deemed positive move

Deployed tactical vehicles get satellite technology

By BOB WHISTINE

Army Materiel Command

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — The Army's new Movement Tracking System is the keystone to bringing logistics into the digitized battlefield of the 21st century.

The Army Materiel Command's wheeled vehicles, which were recently transferred to the war fighter here, are receiving the new satellite technology. The new system provides the communications and tracking necessary for tactical wheeled vehicles and other select Combat Service Support assets in country.

"MTS will help get logistics faster to where it needs to be to support the soldiers," said Robert Straub, deputy, APM Movement Tracking System for Program Manager Logistics Information Systems. "The system has even been credited with saving two soldiers at the National Training Center in California in 2001.'

A vast improvement over old lineof-sight communications, MTS offers numerous tactical advantages, according to Straub. For example, if a unit expecting supplies has moved or it is determined

that another unit has a more urgent requirement for those supplies; a convoy can be sent an e-mail re-routing it to where it needs to be.

'If I have two installers working on a HMMWV, it normally takes less than an hour to install the system. Our goal is to place 1,500 systems. Larger vehicles take more time because the cable routing and equipment placement is more difficult and they require more drilling through heavier metal than on HMMWVs," Straub said.

Movement Tracking System provides the capability to identify position, track progress and communicate with the operators. Through the use of positioning and commercial communication satellites, MTS provides the means for transportation movement control and Combat Support/Combat Service Support operations sections to exercise assured positive control of assets anywhere in the theater.

The compact computer screen in a vehicle displays a "rolling map" that lets operators know exactly where they are at

A recent test of the system demonstrated how quickly a commander could get in touch with his or her convoys. A transmission from Germany to the Texas took less than ten seconds to complete.



NEW HARDWARE— SSqt. Joseph Kern of HHD, 3rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division in northern Kuwait, attaches the satellite receiving system on a HMMWV.

101st Airborne soldiers land in Kuwait



STORM ON HORIZON— Members of the 101st Airborne Division tighten their tent down prior to a sandstorm in Kuwait.

Division members adjust from Kentucky weather

By PFC JAMES MATISE

Army News Service

CAMP PENNSYLVANIA, Kuwait — The soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) claimed their piece of the ground in Kuwait in early March by raising their brigade banner, and they are now learning how to operate in the arid climate.

As soon as the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, left the cold of Fort Campbell, Ky., and claimed residence at Camp Pennsylvania, they began battling

Due to the dry nature of Kuwait, scorched by long hours of sunlight and radiating heat, soldiers need to protect themselves from dehydration and heat sickness by drinking more water than they normally would, said Maj. Blain A. Reeves, S3, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry

"Forced hydration is the key to help getting them acclimatized," he said.

Soldiers are being told to increase their daily water intake up to eight quarts or more to remain healthy, and are also told to eat salt and other electrolytes to replace those lost through sweating, said SFC Dwight Sparks, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade.

"I've definitely increased my water intake, and I always add a little salt to my meal," he said.

Brigade officials said there have been no severe cases of dehydration or heat sickness reported in the camp.

Becoming acclimatized is one way soldiers are regaining their strength after being jet lagged.

"Jet lag is the number one thing they had to recover from, so we took it easy the first day," Reeves said. "They've been training all day to get used to the terrain: doing some night training to get used to moving at night."

Soldiers are conducting squad movements, practicing chemical attack drills, and working with what they have to keep their combat capabilities up to standard, said Col. Frederick B. Hodges, commander, 1st Brigade.

It took until March 2 for all of the units to depart Fort Campbell. Elements of the brigade began rolling into the camp March 3, setting up in the area previously occupied by the 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga.

Due to the influx of troops coming in to Kuwait, transportation was not immediately available to bring them to their camp and many of them had to endure a long stay at Camp Wolf, the small reception facility just off the airstrip.

The 7,000-mile trip and mild shock of the sudden reversal of climates taxed the troops' stamina, so the unit's leadership is initially focusing on recovery and familiarizing the soldiers with their new environment, Reeves said.

The Kuwaiti desert has very little plant life to keep the sand locked in to the ground, and winds gusting up to 60 miles per hour across the land pick up loose soil and turns small grains of sand in to potentially harmful projectiles. Severe dust storms are almost a daily occurrence, and several soldiers in the camp reported windburn and eye injuries.

For now, the brigade is working and training amidst the high winds and dust storms, but should the weather get too severe, soldiers will be able to protect themselves by seeking shelter in the relatively sturdy tents

"I was actually impressed with the tents," Butler

"They were already put up when we got here, and most of them are climate-controlled," Sparks said.

Although the climate is different than what the soldiers are used to, they are confident that they will have success in Kuwait, Sparks said.

"I don't think it will affect our mission, as far as operating in the desert," he said, adding they are mission-ready, "without a doubt."

Editor's note: PFC James Matise is a writer for the 101st Airborne Division Public Affairs Office.

Engineering director wants to ensure quality products

Research center's Phil Hodges moves up from deputy position

Bv EVETTE BROOKS

For the Rocket

Phil Hodges is the new director of the Engineering Directorate at Research Development and Engineering Center.

He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Auburn University in 1971 and began his career in the private sector working in the chemical, metal and electronics industries.

In 1981 he joined MICOM in the System Engineering and Product Directorate of RDEC, thus beginning what has been a 22-year government career. During his early years, he worked on every missile program MICOM managed, traveling extensively both in country and abroad.

In 1988 Hodges became chief of the Product Engineering Division. During his tenure, ATCOM and MICOM merged to become AMCOM. Hodges was heavily involved in the merger of the two com-

mands as several ATCOM employees joined the organization.

Hodges became deputy director of the Engineering Directorate in 2000. The Engineering Directorate was formed when System Engineering and Production Directorate, Product Assurance Directorate and AMCOM Test Function merged in 1999. He served as deputy director for three years and was heavily involved in the planning and execution of the organization mission.

Throughout his government career Hodges has enjoyed his work experiences as well as the diversity he encountered. Because of the opportunity to work on many missile and aviation weapon systems, he has had the opportunity to both see and experience various types of state of the art technology. Never having a boring moment and loving to stay busy, Hodges has been fortunate to work with a tremendous work force of very professional and experienced people.

"The Engineering Directorate is a healthy organization with a tremendous customer base. We support between 30 to 35 different aviation and missile products and project offices," he said. Based on current events and demands, emphasis will be placed on vastly improving the quality of the products.

Hodges views the organization as a service organization whose primary mission is to ensure success of the project offices it supports.

"There are many challenges on the quality front with some of our major customers and we fully expect and intend to overcome challenges with whatever resources are required," he said.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have a son, Chris, who works in the Aviation Engineering Directorate; daughter-in-law Brooke, grandson Jack; a daughter, Angie, an elementary school teacher; son-in-law Jerre Glover and grandson Ben.

Very family oriented, Hodges places a lot of value on quality family time, and said his religious faith is top priority. He attends the First Baptist Church of



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PHIL HODGES

Hodges also believes strongly in personal and career development. His hobbies include gardening, yard work and military history.

Stars and Stripes relays messages to troops

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WASHINGTON — U.S. troops deployed to the Persian Gulf region and other overseas locations can now receive personal messages from family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues and supporters via the pages of Stars and Stripes.

"Messages of Support," a daily section which debuted March 17, gives family and friends of deployed servicemembers a chance to pass their greetings, words of encouragement and announcements free

"In the past few weeks, we've received a significant number of e-mail messages from spouses, parents, friends and others trying to get in contact with their loved ones serving in the Persian Gulf region. Running messages from folks on the home front seemed like a natural extension of our mission," Stars and Stripes publisher Thomas Kelsch said.

"Messages of Support" can be emailed to Stars and Stripes 24 hours a day at messages@estripes.com, are limited to 50 words or less and will be printed on a first-come, first-run basis. Stars and Stripes reserves the right to screen and edit all messages and to omit any determined inappropriate.

Stars and Stripes is the editorially independent, Defense Department-authorized daily newspaper distributed overseas for the U.S. military community. It provides commercially available U.S. and world news and objective, staff-produced stories relevant to the military community in a balanced, fair and accurate manner. Stripes is increasing its Middle East circulation with the goal of providing one paper for every three persons stationed there.

Editor's note: From a Stars and Stripes announcement.

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Delta slows down 59th's run to tournament

Devastating Dragons roll in regular season finale

By SKIP VAUGHN

Rocket editor

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Redstone's version of March madness is under way at Pagano Gym.

The troop postseason basketball tournament opened Monday with nine unit-level teams competing in the double-elimination event. If everything goes as scheduled, the final may happen March 25.

Delta should be there.

The Devastating Dragons earned the top seed and a first round by with a solid 61-46 win over HHC 59th on March 12, the last night of the regular season. Delta

improved to a league best 17-1 and the 59th fell to 16-2.

"We knew coming in that it was going to be a real tough game," Delta coach Cedric Tims said. "We knew if we slowed their fast pace down and make them work at our pace, we would win the game."

Delta rebounded from a lackluster 46-44 win over Bravo-1 on March 6. "I think that gave (the 59th) more confidence, thinking we weren't going to be prepared," Tims said.

The Devastating Dragons had a good practice March 10 and were ready for the 59th. They controlled the game from the start and led 24-18 at halftime, preventing the 59th from running its effective fast break

"Now we're prepping ourselves for the

post tournament," Tims said. "And Delta Company's on the right track right now."

Delta's Bruce Hollis finished with a game-high 28 points, including three 3-pointers. Laquaine Bess had 14 points and Sheldon Goldsmith added seven.

"We slowed 59th down," said Hollis, a guard/forward. "They wanted to run. We knew we couldn't run with them."

"We play team ball," guard Greg White said. "We work the ball around for the best shot, either outside or inside."

Hollis, Goldsmith and point guard Keith Broughton helped set the tone, White said. "Basically it was just a team effort, everybody played together. And I think tonight we proved that we're the best team here."

Delta, who lost in early February to the NCO Academy, went 2-0 against the 59th in the regular season. The 59th, last year's post runner-up to Bravo, won the preseason tournament.

"I believe we took care of the ball (against the 59th)," Broughton said. "We played unselfish ball. We made most of our shots. And second half, we just got hot and the game was over with. We didn't slack up, played good defense. And defense was the key to winning the game."

The Dragons got back quickly on defense, kept the 59th from moving the ball inside and did a good job of rebounding.

Laevrmonde Watts scored 18 points and Detrick Bush had 14 but the 59th's third offensive threat, Patrick Perry, finished with three. "All three of those guys are all-stars," Hollis said. "But you stop those guys, you have a chance."

"I guess (the Dragons) came out playing harder than we did," 59th shooting guard Jermaine McGee said. "And we weren't making all of our shots, weren't making the ones that count."

Other results last week included Bravo-2 d. Alpha 131st by forfeit, HHC 59th d. Bravo-1 72-52, AMCOM d. Charlie 59-56, Bravo-2 d. Charlie by forfeit, AMCOM d. Marines 76-66, NCO Academy d. Headquarters & Alpha 36-31, NCO Academy d. Alpha 131st by forfeit and Bravo-1 d. Bravo-2 37-29.

Final standings for the regular season had Delta (17-1), HHC 59th (16-2), Marines (12-7), AMCOM (11-8), NCO Academy (10-7), Bravo-1 (8-9), Head-quarters & Alpha (7-11), Charlie (6-13), Bravo-2 (4-14) and Alpha 131st (2-15). Alpha 131st, the activated National Guard unit augmenting security, withdrew from the tournament because of work commitments.

Top scorers included the 59th's Bush with 17.4 points per game, the Marines' Damian Cason with 14.5 and Delta's Hollis with 12.8.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DELTA FORCE— Delta's Laquaine Bess pulls down a rebound against the 59th's Detrick Bush (40).

Islanders rule volleyball court

The Islanders had their way against a short-handed 5 Alive team in the Redstone Arsenal Volleyball League.

Also known as team 2, the Islanders won 25-19, 25-20, 19-21 on March 12 at Redstone Fitness Center. They include shot maker Al Johnson and defensive players Alberta Parks, Tira Williams and Gil Sungho of the South Korean army. Alexis Ashton provided winning serves. Banks also recruited an outstanding allaround player, Lisa Marie Uti, an air traffic controller with the Army.

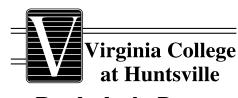
Team 1, aka 5 Alive, missed some of its key players. Team captain Bill Young recruited Phyllis Pyle, a retired military family member. Other players include hitter Randy Pestona, setter Cathy Young and defensive specialist Nancy Pestona.

In the second match, team 4 beat team 3 25-12, 25-17, 23-25.

Team 4 featured the power spiking of Tim Powell and Lawrence Chargualaf, great setting and well-placed shots by Henry Zamora and backup spiking by Sheri Smith and Pam Allen. Team captain Pam Anderson didn't attend because of illness.

Team 3, captained by Ricky Roundtree, countered with a "we are family" lineup of daughter Jessica and father Steve Montgomery, daughter Tiffany and mother Wanda McDonald, and Weldon Ragland.

The league is still recruiting players and teams. Everyone is invited to open play Sundays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the fitness center off Patton Road. For more information, call Paul Banks 842-6131 or Felix Milar 313-6091.



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Sunday, April 6th 2:05 pm ESPN 1450 presents Zooperstars!



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Farewell reception

The Business Management Directorate, Integrated Materiel Management Center, honored its six retirees with a farewell reception Feb. 27. From left are Diane Davidson, Phyllis Henley, Sharron Horton, Eulylia Balentine, Deborah Vierdag and Richard Vierdag. Combined they represent more that 180 years of federal service.

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In-line hockey

The Redstone Arsenal Youth Sports In-Line Hockey League will begin play March 31 and is now registering. Play will be held on the RSA In-Line Hockey Rink, located on Goss Road near the Military Lodging office. Cost is \$75 for active duty dependents, \$100 for retired military, Guard, Reserve, DoD, Army, NASA and RSA contractors' dependents. Cost is \$125 for non-government affiliated dependents. Fees include jersey, hockey membership, insurance and rink time. Central Registration fee is \$15 per child or \$35 per family per year if not already registered. A current physical and a copy of the child's birth certificate are required for registration. For more information, call 876-3704 or 313-3699.

Post softball coach

Redstone seeks a men's post softball team coach. Send your softball resume (history of experience) to the Director, Sports & Fitness; building 3474 (Pagano Gym), phone 876-6701.

Hunting update

As a direct result from the March 13 Hunting and Fishing Town Hall Meeting, a change in the upcoming turkey season has been implemented. Turkey season on Redstone Arsenal will be open the entire month of April. The change will be that civilian and contract personnel will be afforded the opportunity to hunt. Military personnel will have priority the first three weeks of the season. After noon each day, civilian and contract personnel may then register to hunt in areas that are available. The final week of the season will allow for all personnel to register for a hunting area without priority. An additional change in registration will require that military personnel bringing guests must identify their guests at Outdoor Recreation upon checking back in from their hunt. For more information regarding the newly established turkey quota and permit requirements call Outdoor Recreation, building 5129, 876-HUNT.



Federal attorneys

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association will present its first Personnel/Labor Law Symposium at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, April 15. Speakers include Merit Systems Protection Board administrative judges, an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission administrative judge, a former general counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, an assistant U.S. attorney, and a labor relations specialist. Application for six hours of Alabama and Tennessee Continuing Legal Education credit has been made. Managers, employees, human resource professionals, union officials and attorneys are the focus audience. Topics include evolving issues in employment discrimination, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 update, Litigation before the MSPB and significant cases, and labor relations in the post partnership era. For more information, call 955-4521 or 895-1104.

Joint electronic warfare

The Navy will hold the 48th annual Joint Electronic Warfare Conference, May 6-8 at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. The conference is for U.S. government personnel only. For more information call Susan Hynds, Naval Air Weapons Division, (805) 989-4018 or Melody Dates (805) 989-7832.

Test and evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency will sponsor its sixth Army T&E Days — "Building Test Capabilities for the Future: Supporting FCS, The Objective Force, and the Next Generation Army" — on June 3-5 at the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. Guest speakers invited include Claude Bolton Jr., ASA(ALT); Lt. Gen. John Caldwell Jr., MILDEP, ASA(ALT); Lt. Gen. Johnny Riggs, Dir., OFTJ; Walter Hollis, DUSA(OR); Maj. Gen. Robert Armbruster, Cdr, ATEC; and Dr. Mike Andrews, DASA, R&T-Ch Scientist. An exposition will be held in conjunction with the conference. Government and industry organizations are encouraged to participate in the exposition. Registration is \$325 (form is on website) and is in TIP. For more information, call Michael McFalls 876-3462 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715. The web site is www.testevaldays.com.

Native American club

The Flying Eagles Club meets Thursdays at School Age Services, building 3400 on Gray Road. The club highlights Native American drumming and dancing. Participants also learn about Native American culture. Parents are invited to attend with their children. This activity is open to children of any active duty and retired military personnel, Guard, Reserve, DoD, Army, contractor and NASA dependents registered at Child and Youth Services. For more information, call the Youth Center 876-6595 afternoons Monday through Friday.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday from 6:30-7:30 in the morning at the Redstone Golf Club. For more information, call retired CSM Jean Rose 313-1659.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its regular monthly membership meeting April 14 at 5 p.m. at the Union Office, building 3202. All employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 876-4880 or 881-7430.

Officers association

The Military Officers Association of America, formerly The Retired Officers Association, will hold its monthly luncheon meeting March 26 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Frank Wilkes, director of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, is to discuss veterans' benefits offered by Alabama and the responsibilities of his department. For more information, call Aniceto Bagley 852-7973.

Parent advisory council

The Parent Advisory Council will meet March 25 at 11 a.m. at the Challenger

Activity Center on Weeden Mountain Road. Parents of children in Child Development Center and Child and Youth Services are invited. Participation points are awarded. For more information, call 876-3704/7952.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly meeting April 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Retired Lt. Gen. James McCall, executive director, ASMC national headquarters, is scheduled speaker. For tickets — \$9 members, \$10 non-members — call Virginia Moore 955-6262, ext 165.

Project management institute

The North Alabama Chapter of the Project Management Institute will meet March 27 from 5:30-7 p.m. at ELMCO Inc., 6000 Technology Drive, building 1, Suite N. Rick Curns of Pimsol is to demonstrate how a project manager can make informed decisions using a web-based, project control hub. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. For reservations call Bill Kessinger 776-0026.



Business scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards to a high school and college student majoring in a business field. Merit awards may apply toward tuition, books and fees for undergraduate or graduate level studies. Deadline for applications is April 30. For more information or a scholarship application, call Patricia Motes 876-9317.

Charitable organizations

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign is accepting applications from federated groups, charitable organizations or a combination thereof, for participation in the 2003 fund-raising campaign. In accordance with Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 950, an organization must have 501-c-3 status, proof of human health and welfare services, an annual audit/IRS 990 Form, and a board of directors. Application packages are accepted until April 7. Contributions to this fundraising campaign are received from federal employees, active military personnel, retired federal employees, and governmental contractor personnel from Madison, Morgan, Marshall, Limestone, Cullman and Lawrence counties as well as Lincoln County, Tenn. For more information or to obtain an application call Melinda Seigler, CFC director for United Way of Madison County, at 536-0745, ext.108 or the CFC office 876-9143. Local applications may also be downloaded from www.cfc.gov/cfc or picked up at the United Way of Madison County, 701 Andrew Jackson Way, Huntsville. E-mail inquiries may be made to: Melinda.Seigler@uwhsv.org.

Public affairs survey

In an effort to improve the way the Garrison and Aviation and Missile Command's Public Affairs Office does business, the office has developed an online Customer

Satisfaction Survey. The online survey can be accessed on the web at the following sites: https://intranet2.redstone.army.mil/pub affairs / or http://www.redstone.army.mil/pub_affairs. The Public Affairs Office hopes to receive input from both past customers and potential customers. The survey has 10 questions, half of which may be answered by simply clicking on your desired response. Available responses to these questions range from 1 to 5, Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree. The remaining five questions require answers that must be typed in the space following the questions. When you complete the survey, simply click on the "Submit" button. The survey takes little time to complete. The Public Affairs Office is looking for submissions that reflect honest responses and will use the survey results to improve its services to its customers. By having customers and potential customers respond to the survey, the PAO will better know what its customers expect, what it is doing right or wrong, and how to function more efficiently.

Thrift shop donations

The Thrift Shop is accepting written applications for donations. It can only accept requests from charitable organizations that have a federal tax exemption number. The deadline for requests is April 14. Please include your federal tax number and mail to Redstone Thrift Shop, Building 3209, Hercules Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

Thrift shop hours

Effective April 1, the Thrift Shop hours will change to Wednesdays 9-5, Thursdays 9-4 and Fridays 9-4. The shop has consignment appointments Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3 and walk-ins are 9-12:30 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The shop accepts consignments on home crafted items. During March the shop is not accepting clothes except for children's Easter dresses/suits. The shop is looking for volunteers. For more information, call 881-6992.

Teams week

Huntsville's military, space and academic communities are gearing up for the third annual Technological Excellence in Aviation Missiles and Space week. TEAMS week, March 31 through April 3 at the Von Braun Center, will feature four concurrent conferences. This year's theme is "Delivering Technology Today – Developing Technologies for Tomorrow." The event is sponsored by the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies.

Engineering scholarships

Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics announces its 2003 Engineering Scholarship Program for high school seniors. For more information and applications call Victor Giuliano 721-2422, G. Alan Lowrey 544-7684 or Kevin Connell 782-5972.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its master of business administration program Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at Calhoun

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Tax assistance center

The Redstone Tax Center, building 3489 off Ajax Road, provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty and retired military and their dependents. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 for walk-in services. For an appointment, call 842-1040.

Women's history program

The Team Redstone Women's History Program is March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Bob Jones Auditorium. The 2003 theme for Women's History Month is "Women Pioneering the Future."

Isbell academy

The Janice Mitchell Isbell Academy is accepting registration through March 31 for the 2003-04 school year for students in grades 2-8. For more information, call the school 746-9206. The Isbell Academy, a non-profit, tax-exempt school, services students who are struggling in a traditional classroom.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony for Redstone Arsenal's military retirees is Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Youth Activities Center gym, building 3148.

Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation 8:30 a.m. April 1 at building 3338 at the intersection of Mauler and Redeye Road. The orientation features speakers, information booths, refreshments and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Participants receive Morale, Welfare and Recreation bucks redeemable at MWR activities. Attendance is mandatory for active duty personnel permanently stationed at Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is offered. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Prayer breakfast

The next Nondenominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center, is March 25 at 7:30 a.m. at building 5308, room 8124. 'No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own or feast on the message of the morning," a prepared release said. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Clif Canady 876-1587.

Training opportunities

South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center's Training and Learning Center announces its third quarter regional training opportunities. The complete course announcement is available on its web site at http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/scr/; scroll down and click on Training Information and then click on Training Opportunities-SC Region. A listing of all training available in the South Central Region will appear. Select the course you are interested in and you will have the complete course announcement, including enrollment procedures. You must contact the course manager for a payment authorization sheet to complete your registration. For more information, call Louise Olszewski 842-6540 or Marsha Samples 842-6543.

Professionals week

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals will sponsor its annual Administrative Professionals Week training April 22 from 8-noon in the SELA Auditorium, building 5400. Registration is 7:30-8 a.m. For more information, call Arnita Lee 842-6038.

Butler High reunion

Butler High class of 1983 will have its 20year reunion Aug. 29-30. For information call Tammy 721-2246 or Kelly 829-1427.

Fashion show

"A Night of Elegance at the Mardi Gras" fashion show and dance, including performances by the Nu Image Performing Arts Dance Team, is Saturday at the Von Braun Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8. The master of ceremonies is Comic View comedian James Morris. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Fashions are provided by Barry's MFG Better Menswear, The Warehouse and Cache. Cost is \$15. For ticket information, contact eeproductions@knology.net.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will present an "International Guide Map to the Stars, a Cornucopia of Event Horizons" from a variety of presenters Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Wernher Von Braun Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For non-members, admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Weather permitting, a star party, using the big VBAS telescopes, will follow. For more information, call Mitzi Adams 961-7626.

Father of year

The Madison County Father of the Year for 2003 will be honored June 21 at a gala event in Huntsville's historic Depot Roundhouse. Sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Madison County, the gala will announce the 2003 Father or the Year and raise money to benefit the center. It will feature dancing to the music of "Chevy 6" as well as heavy hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Nominations for the Father of the Year will be accepted until April 21. Forms and more information are available by calling the Volunteer Center 539-7797 and from the center's web site: www.voluntccrhsv.org.

Economic summit

The 2003 Tennessee Valley regional economic summit is May 27-29 at the Von Braun Center, U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer (D-Ala.) announced.

Union election

The election for officers of AFGE Local

1858 is April 14 from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Union Office, building 3202. Eligibility to vote requires membership in good standing by March 31. The candidates include: for president, Billy Clemmons, Don Eiermann and Abner Merriweather; executive vice president, Lew Jeter and Homer Reynolds; secretary, Ethel Brandon and Ronald Johnson; treasurer, Mary Armstrong and Billy "Mack" Ennis; and SMDC vice president (professional), Frank Bowels and Jim Brothers. For more information call Ken Weihs, chairman of the election committee, 842-

Military children's month

Child and Youth Services will kick off the Month of the Military Child with a parade April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center. For more information, call 876-7952 or 313-3701.

Photography contest

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Redstone Arsenal (RSA Youth Services) are joining a nationwide search to identify talented young artists. This contest is part of an initiative to encourage artistic skills, cultural enrichment and creativity in photography. Participants compete in four age divisions and five categories including color process, black and white process, alternative process, digital and photo essay. Regional winners will go to national competition sponsored by Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Deadline for entries is March 26. Call Sheryl or Miranda 955-8401 or 876-5437 for details.

Summer camp

Child and Youth Services will accept applications to the Summer Break Camp at the School Age Services (grades K-5) and Youth Services (grades 6-12). Programs will run from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 30 through April 30. Application and registration information packets may be picked up at Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road (Challenger Activity Center). Registration costs \$15 and a current immunization record must accompany registration. This is open to children of all military and military retirees, DoD/Army civilians, NASA, and DoD/Redstone contractors. For more information, call 876-3704 or 955-6309.

Babysitting class

A Teen Babysitting Class for ages 11 and up, sponsored by Child and Youth Services, is March 25-26 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center on Weeden Mountain Road. The free class will cover safety issues, diapering a child, feeding a child, play activities, first-aid skills, and emergency procedures. Participants should bring a sack lunch both days. Call in advance to reserve a space. For more information or to register, call Carolyn 313-3609.

Army family team building

Make a difference in the lives of Army families by becoming an Army Family Team Building instructor. Instructor training is March 31 through April 3 from 6-9 p.m. in building 3338 on Redeye Road. Space is limited. Call 876-5397 by Friday to reserve your seat and arrange for free child care.

Wine tasting

An international wine tasting will be held Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 on the day of the event. This is open to the entire Redstone community. For more information, call 830-2582.

Aeronautics awards

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Alabama-Mississippi Section is requesting nominations for the 2002-03 annual Section Awards. The awards will be presented at the Officers and Board of Director Installation and Awards Banquet, May 15. Submit nominations by April 18. For more information, call Steven Noneman 544-2048.

Postwide garage sale

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a Postwide Garage Sale – in addition to the housing area garage sale — open to the entire Redstone community April 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. Those selling items can purchase their permit at the ITR office, Recreation Center, building 3711 for \$5. One permit is two parking spaces. Also those selling may begin setting up at 7 a.m. and must be ready by 7:45 with vehicle parked, due to safety issues, ready for the public to begin shopping. All items must be personally owned or used — no vending. Private organizations may also purchase a permit to hold fund-raisers; these are the only people who can sell baked goods or beverages. For more information, call Brandie DeRemer 313-1203 or the Recreation Center 876-4531.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic community at Bicentennial Chapel holds Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, through April 18, at 6 p.m. A soup supper will follow. Sign up during fellowship to bring soup or bread. Good Friday will be celebrated April 18 at 3 p.m., with stations at 6. Easter Vigil Mass is April 19 at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass is April 20 at 9:30 a.m. Mass is held Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



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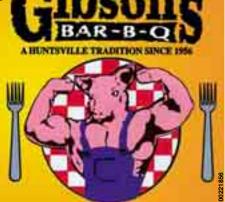
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